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Installation Hymn.

We welcome thee in Jesus' name;
He, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep,
To us hath sent thee to proclaim
His Gospel and His flock to keep.
We welcome thee in this glad hour,
His messenger of peace and love;
Now may the Holy Spirit's power
Fall on thee richly from above.
Thy lips be touched with fire divine,
To speak of grace to dying men;
To win the lost the task be thine;
To guide them lest they stray again.
The chosen captain of the host,
Our leader sent of Christ to be;
Then shall we serve and please Him
most
When with one heart we follow thee.
Long may thy bow abide in strength;
Thy heart be strong each cross to bear;
Then go, thy work well done, at length
The faithful servant's crown to wear.
—RAY PALMER, D. D.

Miami Valley Items.

No. 5 of Vol. 2 of *Home Pulpit* has somehow been lost or mis-carried between Ashland and Miamisburg. At all events, it was expressed in good time, but it has not yet arrived here. This accounts for the delay. We trust they will eventually come to light, and even if this number will be out of its regular order, we will send it on to our subscribers as soon as it arrives.

How easily it is for a person to become somewhat demoralized when he deviates from a certain system of work. What between our visit to Wayne Co., attending Sunday school convention at Louisville, the consequent amount of traveling and visiting while attending the lovefeast at Eldorado and Bear Creek, and above all our visit to the German Baptist annual meeting—all these and many other et ceteras had a tendency to so upset our calculations and draw us away from our usual routine, that it seems almost impossible to settle down to hard work again.

Our Sunday School convention has already been reported by our editor, but with one important omission—the names of the executive committee for the coming year.

Our visit to Louisville was a pleasant one. It is now over four years since we were there. Many changes have taken place since then, but I am glad to say all for the better. The church is full of life and zeal, and we are sure a grand future is in store for her. We shall long remember the cordial reception and hearty hospitality with which we were greeted. Meeting our old friends and making new ones, under such pleasant circumstances are just the bright spots that gladden our lives and encourage us midst the many disappointments we have to meet.

At our last visit to Pleasant Hill, Miami county, we baptized three more. These too, like those on our first visit, were taken to the water, "the same hour of the night." I feel very much encouraged over the bright prospects for this church. While many things have occurred that have been detrimental to her welfare, we believe the dark days are over and a brighter day is about to dawn. Christian love and zeal is the great antidote

that will counteract the evil influences that deaden the energies of a church, and kill its usefulness.

Sister Eliza Garver of Congress, Ohio, my better half's mother, and brother D. B. Good and family, also of Wayne Co., O., cheered our home with a few days visit.

G. B. ANNUAL MEETING.

Yes, we went to annual meeting, and I am just wondering if the readers of the EVANGELIST will feel bored, if I tell them what I saw and heard there. If the German Baptists desired to make their annual meeting a failure, they could not have selected a better locality to accomplish it. It was in such an out-of-the-way place. Those coming by any other road than the I. B. & W. R. R. had to be conveyed five long miles in hacks and buses over a muddy road, at least it was muddy when we went over it. This part of the trip occupied an hour and a half. When we arrived on the grounds the first thing we noticed was the absence of shady places—not even a shade tree on the ground that we saw. We had to choose between the unhealthy and close atmosphere of the tabernacle or go out and have a good sun-bath.

It was Wednesday when we were there, and the usual very large crowd generally met with on these occasions was not there. The large hitching grounds, too, were fully exposed to the rays of a June sun. It looked cruel to see the poor horses compelled to remain in the open sun from morn till eve.

We met with many old friends that seemed glad to see us. We occasionally went near the tabernacle to hear some of the speeches. The dress question was handled without gloves. If that body will only be consistent, hats, ruffles, ribbons &c. will no longer be tolerated. It was decided that when an elder will not enforce the "order" the adjoining elders will work with the minority and put the church in order. During the discussion of this subject a brother from the West complained that members wearing hats were given good letters when sent out to them, and he added with emphasis, that this must be stopped.

We also heard Elder Quinter very warmly advocating some change. He said that it would not always do to point to the decisions of the old brethren in every case, for while it was suitable to their day, it may not suit the case today. To strengthen his argument, he said there was not an elder present who would think of keeping house according to the decisions of sixty years ago.

We heard R. H. Miller also deliver a missionary sermon. The great burden of his discourse was that the requisites of a missionary must not be confined to merely talking like a brother. But he must look like a brother. This was repeated so often, that it left the impression upon all that heard it, that it was the most im-

portant feature of a missionary.

The usual extensive preparations were made to satisfy the wants of the stomach, and this part of the program as it has always been, was a success. Whatever else the German Baptists may have and do, that does not meet with general approbation, in this particular they meet the demand, and keep up with the times.

LOVE-FEASTS.

From the annual meeting, through the kindness of Bro. and sister Helmick, of Pleasant Hill, who kindly gave us a seat in their carriage, we drove to Eldorado. Our genial editor, Bro. Garber accompanied us.

In this locality we have only three members. Some good friends had kindly permitted us to use the public hall for our services.

Bro. Garber preached for us on Wednesday evening. On Thursday afternoon we had the preparatory services to our lovefeast.

Several members from the Lexington church, and representatives from Pleasant Hill, Covington and North Star arrived until the number of communicants reached 17. Brethren H. G. Ullery and Dr. A. Pearson deserve special thanks for their devotion to the cause, in coming so far to encourage these few brethren by their presence and good words. We had a pleasant and I am sure a profitable meeting. This was the first lovefeast that the Brethren ever observed in this locality. A certain amount of curiosity was naturally shown by the people, to see how the progressive brethren observed the ordinances. Every respect and kindness was shown us by the people. The Brethren church has many warm friends in this neighborhood.

The brother and two sisters of this neighborhood had looked forward to this feast with bright anticipation, and we are sorry that the realization of these fond hopes by brother and sister Holman were somewhat marred by the sudden and serious illness of old brother Wherley, an old order brother, and sister Holman's father, who resides with them.

Having a public lovefeast in these isolated places, where the membership is so extremely small, is attended with many difficulties and requires some courage and co-operation, but the brethren at a distance stood nobly by us, and we had a good time. We feel all went away fully repaid for the trouble it cost us. We must not forget to thank our worthy editor, brother Garber for the valuable aid he gave us in making the necessary preparations.

On Saturday evening, I attended the lovefeast at the Bear Creek church, near Dayton. Here we met our old friend Bro. P. J. Brown who officiated. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 communed. As no doubt this meeting will be duly reported, we will say no more about it. All went well.

On Sunday we filled our usual

appointments at Farmersville, Winchester and Lexington.

Monday morning on our way to Dayton, we stopped in at Bro. Abraham Beechly's, and found him prostrated with a severe attack of pneumonia and malaria. We noticed on Saturday evening, that brother Abraham was far from well, and was really not physically fit to be at the lovefeast, but his zeal for the cause, for the time being, overcame the indisposition. We trust however that he will soon recover his usual health. This prostration at this time was the more to be lamented, as brother Beechly had intended on Monday morning to start for Auburn, Ill., to see his brother John, who was lying at the point of death. May God in his infinite wisdom overrule all for the good of his cause, and give us strength to submit to his decree.

A SMALL CONFERENCE.

With brethren Brown and Kidenour we met a delegation from the church of the Brethren in Christ, for the purpose of seeing what prospects there would be of forming a union between the two bodies. We were very favorably impressed with the brethren that met us, and we believe that the union will eventually be accomplished.

The result of this meeting will be found in another column of this issue.

We met, in the Dayton meeting house, "corner Jackson and Van Buren." One feature of our consultation was the spirit of brotherly love that pervaded our conversation, so that we all went away with a determination to do all we could to bring about the union.

The Brethren in Christ have many features in their worship and practice that are identical with ours. It is a pity that so many small bodies, with such small differences should remain apart. We can materially aid one another, and, above all, benefit the cause of Christ by uniting.

This union will bring into the consolidated church, ten meeting houses, and a membership of about 400 persons, mostly in the Miami Valley.

ANointing.

We then repaired to the home of Bro. Samuel Kiehl, where we had been requested to meet to anoint sister Kiehl, who has been afflicted for the last six weeks. We found the sister anxiously awaiting us. Her faith was firmly established on the promises of the Lord Jesus Christ.

After appropriate devotional services, in which our hearts were unburdened to the Lord in song and prayer, the ceremony of anointing the dear sister with oil in the name of the Lord, was performed by brother Brown, assisted by brother Kidenour and myself. It was a time of refreshing and the Lord was with us. Thus taking the Lord at his own word as revealed to us in James V., and according to his implied way, we trust his promise and await the blessing.

We hope soon to hear of our sister's recovery, and trust that her child-like confidence in the Lord, will be so blessed; that she may be a strong pillar in the church, be the means of much good in His vineyard.

APPOINTMENTS.

For the benefit of the scattered membership at the points which I visit, I will publish the appointments for the coming month.

On Saturday, June 26th, at Pleasant Hill in the evening, and also Sunday morning and evening.

On same Sunday (27) in the afternoon, at Covington. Also on Saturday afternoon, the 26th, we meet with the Covington church in council meeting.

Sunday, July 4th, we have our usual services at Farmersville in the morning, Winchester in the afternoon, and Lexington in the evening.

Saturday evening, July 10th, at Little York, also on Sunday morning, the 11th. On same Sunday evening at Farmersville.

Sunday, July 18th, the usual services at Farmersville, Winchester and Lexington.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, July 20th and 21st, at Eldorado.

Thursday and Friday evenings, July 22nd and 23rd, at North Star.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning and evening, July 24th and 25th, at Pleasant Hill.

Sunday afternoon, July 25th, at Covington.

LATER—EXPLANATORY.

After reading the report of the G. B. annual meeting as given in last EVANGELIST, a few words of explanation may be in order. The remarks concerning some of the Conservative leaders may, by a few be considered harsh and unnecessary.

Our editor is a phrenologist, and full of enthusiasm on the subject. The men he wrote about have always taken a prominent part in church affairs. They were perfect strangers to him, and he had never seen them before. It is no wonder then, at this, his first visit to an annual meeting, that he should want to know something about the dispositions and characteristics of the men that have been running the church machinery. Looking at these men as an enthusiastic phrenologist, and having perfect confidence in the science, it is not surprising our editor desired to give us the benefit of his conclusions, thus showing us the character of the men who have attempted to dictate for the church. Those of us who are well acquainted with the men, know how true the statements are. The only regret we now have is that what we now know, was not generally known years ago.

E. M.

Protestant mission-work commenced in China in 1793, when the English Baptist mission sent out the Rev. J. Marshman. Since then forty-two societies have sent out 813 missionaries, including 133 single ladies, but not including wives of missionaries.